wherever warranted by the requirement of traffic are being/have been provided. In addition, Railways have also been instructed to select stations for extensive attention so as to bring about visible improvements.

(c) and (d) For 1994-95 the allocation under the Plan Head "Passenger Amenities" is Rs 60 crore which is the same as the original Budget allocation for the year 1993-94. However, due to increased pace of work and allied factors, during 1993-94, funds to the tune of Rs 63 crore were provided in the Revised Estimates for 1993-94.

Promotion of Ticket Collectors in Railways

6825. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEN AFFZAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all ticket collectors have to pass P-6A course before promotion to the grade of Rs. 1600-2660;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in Delhi Division almost all ticket collectors working in grade of Rs. 1600-2660 have not yet passed this course;

(c) whether is a fact that some of them without qualifying the course were promoted to the grade of Rs. 2000-3200 which is a clear violation of rules;

(d) if so, by which date Railway shall get all these Ticket Collectors qualified in P-6A course; and

(e) what action is going to be taken against the defaulters for violation of Rule if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. On Northern Railway all Ticket Collectors have to pass P-6A course for promotion to grade Rs. 1600-2660.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Yes, sir. Provisional promotion orders have been issued pending passing of P-6A course so as to avoid delay in giving benefit of restructuring effective from 1.3.1993 to employees.

(d) The staff shall be booked in batches for the qualifying P-6A course at the earliest opportunity.

(e) Does not arise.

Gauge conversion between Samastipur Jayanagar and Darbhanga-Narkatia Ganj

6826. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the decision taken by the then Railway Minister in 1975 (March' 75) regarding conversion of metre gauge into broad gauge between Samastipur-Jayanagar and Darbhanga-Narkatia Ganj and new railway lines from Muzzafarpur to Sitamarhi Via Runnisaidpur on the North Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details of the work done so far in this regard stating the present position of the work; and

(c) what are the present and future plans of Government about the concerned work and the time fixed for the implementation of Government decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga is in progress.

(c) Conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga will be completed in 95-96. There is no proposal for conversion of the other lines listed in this question or for construction of Muzaffarpur-Sitamari new line at present.

रेलवे स्टेशनों के निकट रेल यात्री निवासों/होटलों का निर्माण

6827. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे ने देश में रेलवे स्टेशनों के निकट रेल यात्री निवासों अथवा होटलों के निर्माण के

संबंध में निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनके संबंध में मुख्य-मुख्य बातें क्या हैं तथा किन-किन स्थानों पर इनका निर्माण किया जाएगा; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजन के लिए बिहार में किन स्थानों को चुना गया है तथा निर्माण कार्य कब तक शुरू कर दिए जाने का विचार है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) परियोजना वैचारिक स्तर पर है। बजट होटलों की एक श्रृंखला स्थापित करने के लिए पर्यटक महत्व के रेलवे स्टेशनों के निकट भूमि की उपलब्धता तथा उपयुक्तता का पता लगाने के लिए इस समय कार्यवाही चल रही है।

Conversion of Rajkot-Veraval rail line

6828. : SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to construct a public industrial line between Veraval and Kodinar in Gujarat Coast to cater to the flow of rail-based freight traffic from the major industries located in the area viz. GHCL, COGL and GACL has been shelved or there has been a rethinking regarding the whole project; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor as the first infrastructure of constructing a private siding and the connecting in-plant yard have already been constructed at their own cost by GACI?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में रेल सुविधाओं का अभाव

6829. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू और काश्मीर तथा उत्तर प्रदेश का पहाड़ी क्षेत्र पर्यटन की दृष्टि से अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण है किन्तु वहां रेल सुविधाएं बहुत कम है तथा वहां पहुंचने का मुख्य साधन सड़क परिवहन ही है;

(ख) इन क्षेत्रों में रेल सुविधाओं के विस्तार के लिए अब तक क्या परियोजाएं बनाई गई है तथा उन पर कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उपरोक्त क्षेत्रों में रेल सुविधाओं के विस्तार के लिए कोई कार्यक्रम तैयार किया है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) (i) जम्मू-ऊधमपुर-श्रीनगर लाइन का निर्माण 1994-95 के बजट में 51 करोड़ रुपये का प्रस्ताव किया गया है।

(ii) 82 करोड़ रूपये की अनुमानित लागत से रामपुर से लालकुआं तक बड़ी लाइन का निर्माण कार्य तथा लालकुंआ से काठगोदाम तक आमान परिवर्तन कार्य पूरा हो गया है और इसे 6.5.94 को यात्री यातायात के लिए खोल दिया गया है।

Payment of Productivity Linked Bonus to Railway Employees

6830. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the payment of productivity likned bonus has been paid to Railway employees for the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details of such payment Zone-wise production unit-wise and separately for Railway Board;

(c) whether such payment has been made on the basis of some criteria and entitlement;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some instalments of Additional Dearness Allowance have also been paid to Railway employees from payment of Bonus amount till 15th April, 1994 on the basis of revision of price of essential commoditis;

(f) whether Government propose to increase the entitlement limit of Bonus to be paid for 1993-94 in view of part (e) above; and